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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Trang U. Tran

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11,17 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on Feb. 09, 2005 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 10 and 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyuki Suzuki et al (EP Publication No. 0 318 986 A2) in view of Okamura (US Patent No. 4,984,082).

In considering claim 10, Hiroyuki Suzuki et al discloses all the claimed subject matter, note 1) the claimed a method for inserting an inset picture (EB) into a main picture (HB) constructed from a plurality of lines, which is transmitted with a video signal

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(HVS) and in the case of which the construction of a new line of the main picture (HB) from pixels is begun when a start pulse (IP) is detected in the video signal (HVS), comprising: determining the time duration (IP) is met by measuring the pulse width of the horizontal synchronism pulse signal Hs and the oscillator 104 which generates the horizontal position counting pulse of the picture or character signal generator 100 (330 pulses) (Figs. 5 and 6, col. 6, line 2 to col. 8, line 15), and 2) the claimed after a specific number - dependent on the duration determined and on a desired vertical position (WP) of the inset picture (EB) within the main picture (HB) - of pixels from the beginning of a line of the main picture (HB) that is provided for the insertion, a line of the inset picture (EB) is inserted within this provided line of the main picture (HB) is met by the distance corresponding to 300 pixels in the horizontal direction is positioned of the character (or picture 620) to be displayed (Fig. 6, col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 15).

However, Hiroyuki Suzuki et al explicitly do not disclose the claimed determining the time duration between two successive horizontal start pulses to determine an actual line duration of a line of the main picture.

Okamura teaches that in general, the length of a horizontal retrace period is 16% of one horizontal trace period (between two successive horizontal start pulses) of duration 63.5 μ sec, accordingly the period of the signal component HD is approximately 10.2 μ sec and an available picture area period is therefore approximately 53.3 μ sec (Fig. 5, col. 3, line 26 to col. 4, line 40).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the determining the time duration of one horizontal

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trace period (between two successive horizontal start pulses) as taught by Okamura into Hiroyuki Suzuki et al's system in order to provide a multiple-channel picture display circuit which can prevent malfunctions from occurring in writing operation without reducing the amount of information of a received channel with a particular signal (col. 4, lines 53-58 of Okamura).

In considering claim 12, the claimed wherein the nominal line duration (NZD) is selectable is met by the pulse width of the horizontal synchronism pulse signal H_s is 4.5 μsec in a standard case but is actually selected from a range of 4 to 6 μsec (Fig. 6, col. 7, line 10 to col. 8, line 15 of Hiroyuki Suzuki et al).

In considering claim 13, the claimed wherein the duration between an m-th start pulse and an n-th start pulse is determined and the (n-m)-th part of the duration is used for determining the specific number of pixels (b actual), where the following holds true: $n > m$ is met by Fig. 5, col. 3, line 26 to col. 4, line 40 of Okamura.

In considering claim 14, the claimed wherein the specific number of pixels (b actual) is a whole-lined multiple of k pixels is met by Fig. 6, col. 7, line 10 to col. 8, line 15 of Hiroyuki Suzuki et al.

In considering claim 15, the claimed wherein the specific number of pixels (b actual) after which each line of the inset picture (EB) is inserted within the respectively provided line of the main picture (HB) is uniform for all lines of the inset picture (EB) is met by the distance corresponding to 300 pixels in the horizontal direction is positioned of the character (or picture 620) to be displayed (Fig. 6, col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 15 of Hiroyuki Suzuki et al).

In considering claim 16, the claimed wherein the specific number of pixels (b actual) after which each line of the inset picture (EB) is inserted within the respectively provided line of the main picture (1113) is uniform for every i-th line of the inset picture (EB) is met by the distance corresponding to 300 pixels in the horizontal direction is positioned of the character (or picture 620) to be displayed (Fig. 6, col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 15 of Hiroyuki Suzuki et al).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 11 and 17-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trang U. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-0090. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (703) 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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